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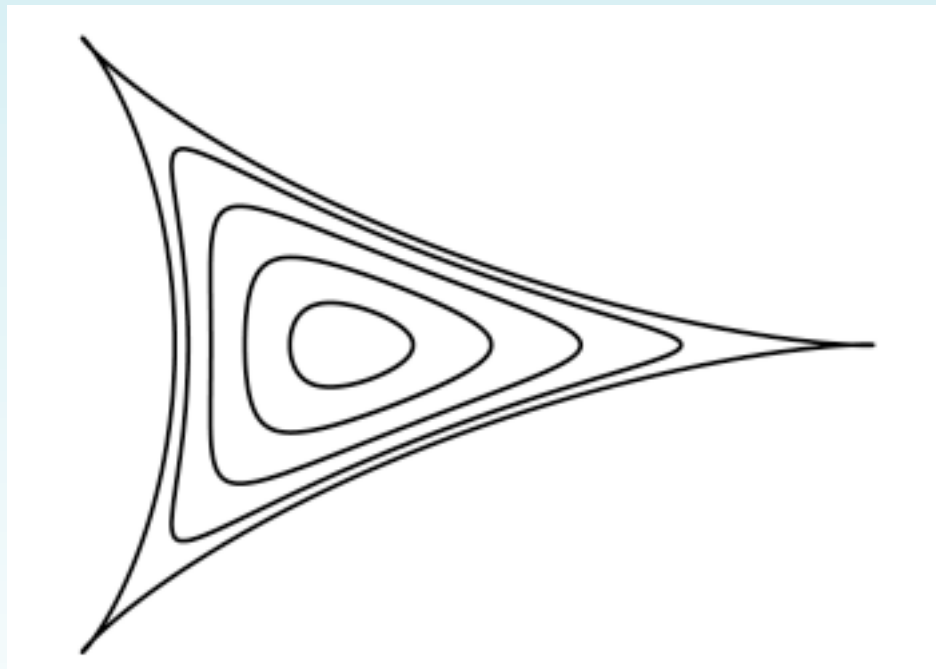
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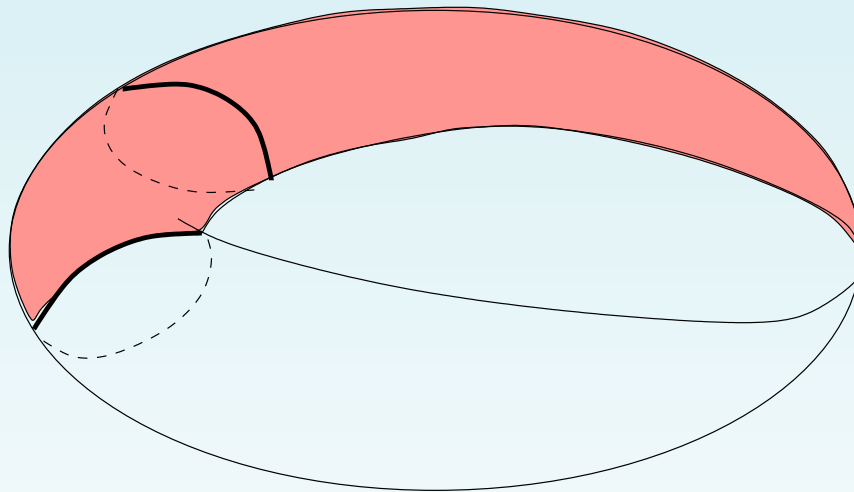
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$$\int P_n(z) \overline{P_m(z)} e^{-N[|z|^2 - V(z) - \overline{V(z)}]} d^2 z \sim \delta_{nm}$$

Projected on orthogonal functions $\psi_n(z) = P_n(z) e^{NV(z)}$, operator identity

$$\langle \psi_n | \bar{z} | \psi_m \rangle = \langle \psi_n | N^{-1} \partial_z | \psi_m \rangle$$

Heisenberg algebra:

$$[\bar{z}, z] = \frac{1}{N}$$

Equivalent to spectral theory of Putinar and Gustafsson.

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- Distribution of zeros of polynomials (branch cut of Schwarz function):
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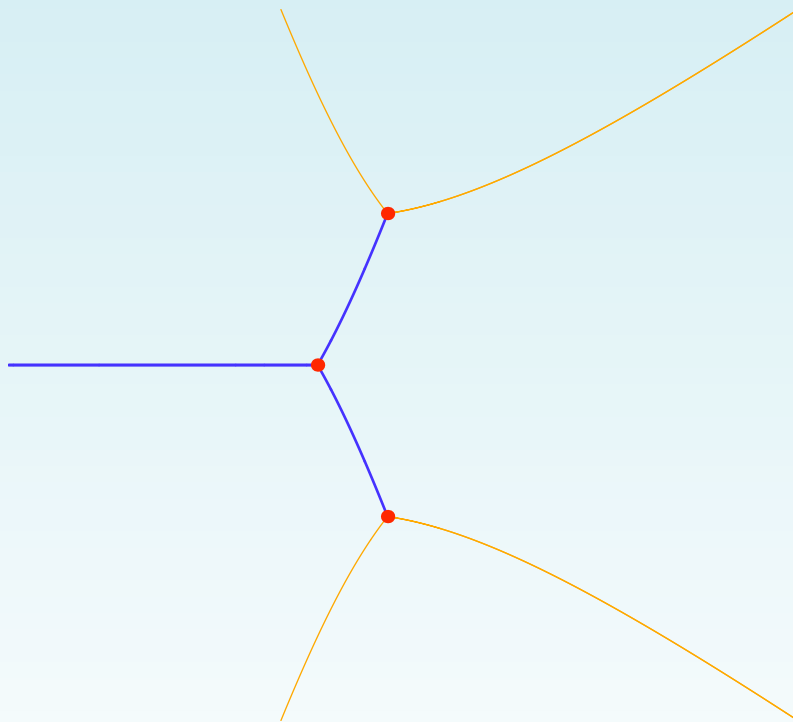
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